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WHITE HOUSE IS GUEST THRONED

New Year's Reception By President Proves to Be Greatest Ever Known

COUNT TOTALS 8,992

FUNCTION BRILLIANT AND SPECTACULAR YET MARKED BY SPIRIT OF GENUINE DEMOCRACY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The New Year's reception at the White House today was the greatest ever held.

The official counter announced that 8,992 diplomats, officials and citizens shook hands with the President. Last year there were only 5,500.

President and Mrs. Taft received for three hours.

FUNCTION IS MARKED BY TRUE DEMOCRACY

Special to Daily News.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The New Year's reception at the White House which for nearly a century has answered as the curtain raiser of the Washington season, was held today under conditions that made the function as brilliant and spectacular as any previous year. The reception, as usual, was characterized by true democracy. The portals of the executive mansion swung wide for all the world. All the people whether of high or low degree, were welcomed and afforded the opportunity personally to greet both the President and Mrs. Taft. Thousands embraced the opportunity.

The distinguishing feature of the reception was the extraordinarily large number of newcomers among the foreign diplomats. The representative of the foreign powers were as usual given precedence. The Austrian ambassador, Baron Menselmueller, who is the dean of the diplomatic corps, was absent, being unable to reach Washington in time to take his place at the head of the line. He is now on his way here from Europe. Other notable absentees among the foreign ambassadors and ministers were M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Minister Louzon of the Netherlands, both of whom recently left on a trip to Panama.

The notable newcomers among the foreign diplomats included George Bakhtietoff, the new ambassador from Russia; Domínguez da Gama, the new Brazilian ambassador; Dr. Carlos M. De Penna, the new minister from Uruguay; M. Navenith, the new minister from Belgium, and Ricardo Arias, the new representative of the Republic of Panama.

A full half hour was given over to the reception of the diplomats, and the scene as they passed through the Red and Blue rooms to the East Room was a most brilliant one.

Following the diplomatic corps, the members of the Supreme Court of the United States, headed by Chief Justice White, were received by the President and Mrs. Taft. Judges of the United States Court of Claims, of the Commerce Court, of the District Court of Appeals, and of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia then were received. These were followed in turn by ex-cabinet members and former representatives of the United States abroad.

The reception of members of Congress began at 11:30 o'clock. Practically all off the senators and representatives who remained in the capital over the holidays embraced the opportunity to extend to the President and Mrs. Taft their good wishes.

Following the legislative, came the military branch of the Government. All of the army and navy officers stationed in and about Washington were present. Admiral Dewey was at the head of the naval contingent, while General Nelson A. Miles retired, headed the lone line of army officers who called in full dress uniform. With General Miles was Major-General Leonard Wood, the chief of staff of the army.

The reception of citizens began at 12:30 and was not concluded until nearly two hours later. Every phase of life was represented in line, old and young, rich and poor, black and white. The line of people entered the north door of the White House, passed across the vestibule and main corridor, and thence through the Red and Blue rooms.

Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft stood with the President at the head

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FOSS ENDORSED FOR PRESIDENT

By Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 1.—At the annual meeting of the Democratic State Committee today Governor Eugene N. Foss was endorsed for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States.

An active campaign for the nomination will be waged by the supporters of Foss.

GRANTED PARDON AFTER 25 YEARS

Successful Missourian Was Escaped Convict From Texas Prison

By Associated Press.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 1.—Twenty-five years after his escape from the Huntsville, Texas, penitentiary, Nathan Hurt, now known as William K. Hammond, has received a pardon from Governor Colquitt of Texas. Hurt was convicted on a charge of horse theft.

Hammond has been twice married, raised a large family, and is well known in business and politics here. He kept the matter secret from his family until the pardon was issued.

LAFOLLETTE NOT OHIO'S CANDIDATE

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—An effort to endorse Senator LaFollette as the candidate for the presidential nomination by the Ohio progressive Republicans was defeated today at a conference by a vote of 52 to 22. The conference considered it poor policy at present to tie the progressive down to one specific candidate in view of possible developments.

WABASH PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 1.—Wabash passenger train No. 1, bound into St. Louis, was derailed late tonight at St. Peters, Mo. A number are reported injured and the station entirely demolished.

SOCIALIST BECOMES SCHENECTADY'S MAYOR

By Associated Press.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 1.—George R. Lunn, the first Socialist ever elected to the mayoralty in this state, was inducted into office today.

TRAVELERS LEAGUE TO WAR ON TIPPING

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 1.—A New Year's resolution was made by a thousand members of the Commercial Travelers National League this morning to start a crusade against tipping hotel help, barbers, train porters, etc. President P. E. Dowe of the League states that the crusade will be carried on to a finish.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO HOOK DEVELOPS

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Minnesota Warehouse Commission, and Governor Aldrich of Nebraska have sent protests to President Taft against the possible appointment of United States Circuit Judge Hook to the Supreme Court bench. The opposition is based upon Hook's activities in enjoining enforcement of the two-cent railroad fare law in Oklahoma.

Fewer Saloons in Iowa

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 1.—Iowa begins the year 1912 with fewer saloons than it has had in many years. In some of the cities the number of saloons was reduced today almost one-half. This was done to conform to the Moon law, which provides for but one saloon to every thousand of population.

Railroads Must Buy Cups

By Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 1.—The New Jersey public utilities commission today began the enforcement of an order requiring all railroad companies doing business in the State to provide on their passenger trains, free of charge, inexpensive individual drinking cups. The order is a sequel to the law passed by the legislature prohibiting drinking cups for common use in public places.

MAN SLAIN BY MOTHER-IN-LAW

Coroner's Jury in Alabama So Decides After Holding Inquest

WIFE ALSO IMPLICATED

SLAYER OF FREDERICK WASSERLEBEN ADMITS COMMITTING DEED AND DUMPING THE BODY INTO WATER.

By Associated Press.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 1.—The coroner's jury today found that Frederick Wasserleben was slain by Mary T. Godau, his mother-in-law.

It also recommended that Wasserleben's wife and brother-in-law, William Greene, be held as accessories. Mrs. Godau, at the inquest, admitted killing Wasserleben, after he had gone to bed.

She declared she dressed the body, carried it to the porch and hid it, later loading it on to a wagon, driving to a pond, backing the wagon into the water and dumping the body in.

SLED HITS TRUCK YOUTH IS KILLED

By Associated Press.

North Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Donald Smith, aged twelve years, was killed today when his bob-sled ran into a delivery truck. Other boys on the sled were unhurt.

DENNING DEFEATS FRENCH CHAMPION

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 1.—Jack Denning, a middleweight of this city, this afternoon defeated Marcel Marceau, the French champion middleweight, in a ten-round bout.

Rivers Beats Conley

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—Joe Rivers knocked out Frank Conley in the eleventh round of their fight here today.

MENINGITIS CAUSES WACO SCHOOL DELAY

Special to Daily News.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 1.—It is announced this afternoon by the school board that the public schools will not open tomorrow. No announcement is made as to the reason, but it is thought that the postponement is a precautionary measure to prevent any spread of spinal meningitis.

The disease, while abating, is still noticed in a few cases, and it is probably thought best not to congregate the children in school, until all danger is past.

MAY CELEBRATES TRAIN'S ARRIVAL

Formal Opening of Brownwood North and South Is Attended By Hundreds

Special to Daily News.

May, Tex., Jan. 1.—Hundreds of people, business men of Fort Worth, of Brownwood and of May, farmers of this section and railroad officials of St. Louis and Fort Worth, were here today to attend the formal opening of the Brownwood North & South, this town's first railroad.

The first train bearing the Fort Worth and Brownwood visitors and connecting May with the outside world steamed into the town shortly before noon. A shout welcomed them.

May's principal celebration, including the much advertised mock hanging, was held this afternoon.

Brownwood sent the biggest delegation to May for today's opening. Four hundred and thirty-nine tickets were sold for the morning trains.

The hanging ceremony is the result of a bet between Brooke Smith, a Brownwood banker, and L. C. Spencer, a prominent May resident.

"I'll be hanged if you ever build this line to May," remarked Spencer to Smith one day.

"You're on," answered the Brownwood banker.

Mr. Smith was one of the first to urge the railroad to May and was a big stockholder in it until the Frisco purchased the property recently. In today's mock execution Spencer will be the convicted man and Smith the hangman.

FINISH FIGHT SAYS HARRIMAN

Indicted Labor Leaders to Contest Complicity Charge to Limit

NOTHING TO CONFESS

THREE OF FOUR MEN MUST MAKE PLEAS IN COURT TO ALLEGATIONS TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—"No confessions this time. We will fight the case to the finish," declared Job Harriman, chief counsel for Olaf A. Tveitmo, of San Francisco, Anton Johansson, of San Francisco, and J. E. Munsey of Salt Lake City, indicted as alleged participants in the nationwide dynamiting conspiracy.

Harriman also denies that E. A. Clancy, the fourth labor leader, who is seriously ill in San Francisco, has confessed.

"There is nothing to confess," he says. The first three men must plead to the charges tomorrow.

McMANIGAL LEAVES IN DETECTIVE'S CUSTODY

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—Orth E. McManigal confessed dynamiter, left here tonight in custody of detective Malcolm McLaren of the Burns agency. His destination is thought to be Indianapolis.

DR. SUN YAT SEN OFF FOR NANKING

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, president-elect of the new republic of China, has left Shanghai for Nanking, where his inauguration is to take place according to address received at the State Department today.

QUELLED CHINESE CELEBRATE IN GOTHAM

Special to Daily News.

New York, Jan. 1.—In celebration of the establishment of the Chinese republic, which was scheduled to occur today, hundreds of the residents of Chinatown early today went to the barbers and had their queues cut off, three thousand queuelless Chinese later participating in the celebration.

Many also exchanged sandals for American shoes and thronged the old Joss house in Moti street, which had been rechristened "Chinese Public Hall," bowing before the picture of President-elect Sun Yat Sen.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS TONIGHT

To Elect Officers and Shape Details of Fair Mass-meeting

By Associated Press.

Every member of the Young Men's Civic League of Amarillo is urged to be present this evening at a meeting of the organization at 7:30 o'clock, in the hall over the First National Bank, at which time matters of interest and importance will claim attention. One of the more important of the numerous matters up for consideration will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. Another proposition will be a vote upon the proposed amendment of bylaws and constitution. Last, but perhaps not only least, but greatest, will come a reviewing of details for the meeting by representation from the various counties, looking to the establishment of an all-Panhandle fair.

In view of these matters, it is urged that all who may possibly do so be present in the meeting. It is expected that business will be transacted without loss of time, and there is a necessity for prompt attendance.

FOUND DEAD IN BED AT WICHITA FALLS

Special to Daily News.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Jan. 1.—L. Solinski, aged 69 years, manager of the Wichita Oil & Gas company, was found dead in bed at a hotel here early this morning. Apoplexy is believed to have been the cause of his death. Solinski's body will be sent to Beaumont, where he formerly lived, for interment.

DENIED WHISKEY KILLS PHYSICIAN

By Associated Press.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 1.—Dr. Edwin O. Thornhill, aged 35, prominent physician, was shot and killed this afternoon by Willis Hatfield, a son of the feudist, "Devil Anse" Hatfield, because the physician would not give Hatfield a prescription for whiskey. The assailant is being guarded for fear of lynching.

BOYCE BROUGHT ACROSS BORDER

Taken in Charge By Detectives on Warrant From Texas

Special to Daily News.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 1.—Advises received here today from Winnipeg, Manitoba, say that A. G. Boyce, Jr., and Mrs. J. B. Sneed were deported by Canadian authorities this afternoon, and that they were taken to the border line, where detectives re-arrested them on a Tarrant county, Texas, warrant.

They will be brought to Fort Worth at once, it is stated.

THREE-CENT FARE ON ALL TOLEDO CAR LINES

By Associated Press.

Toledo, O., Jan. 1.—The city council tonight passed a street railway franchise, providing for a daily rental of \$250 for operation of cars over streets where former franchises have expired, and inauguration of three-cent fares on every line in the city, with a universal transfer.

MANSLAUGHTER IS LEWIS CASE VERDICT

Special to Daily News.

Orville, Cal., Jan. 1.—A verdict of manslaughter was returned by jury in the case of the State vs. Arthur Lewis, charged with murdering his thirteen-year-old step-niece, Helen Rumbull.

The jury has been out since 11:15 Saturday morning. A compromise verdict was reached at noon.

KONE TO ADDRESS COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Hon. E. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas, has advised the Southern Commercial Congress that he will address the Fourth Annual Convention, at Nashville in April, he will prepare for the volume of proceedings a statistical comparison of the agricultural conditions of Texas in 1860 and 1910, and in a brief address give the views of the progressive men of Texas regarding "Texas' Agricultural Future." His statistics and speech will come in the division of the programme, "The South's Agricultural Recovery," and will be associated with similar papers and speeches from each of the Southern States.

PROMOTERS HURT IRRIGATION WORK

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The United States Reclamation Service today issued a statement, declaring that irrigation securities are not as popular as a few years ago, and that confidence must be restored or reclamation of a large area will be greatly retarded. The slump is declared to be due to over-enthusiastic promoters.

Illinois State Poultry Show

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 1.—Every phase of poultry life from the egg to the mature bird is on display at the eighteenth annual exhibition of the Illinois State Poultrymen's Association, which opened in the arsenal today and will continue through the remainder of the week. One of the unique features of the show is a demonstration of the best methods of slaughtering poultry and dressing it for the market.

Dedicated Under Commissioner Plan

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 1.—The municipal building recently completed in this city at a cost of \$350,000 was formally opened today with interesting ceremonies. A notable feature of the celebration was the participation of mayors or other representatives of numerous cities that have adopted the so-called Des Moines plan of commission government.

BEDFORD CALLED BY GRIM REAPER

Amarillo Physician Succumbs in Dallas Hospital After Long Fight

FAMILY WAS AT BEDSIDE

BODY WAS TAKEN TO HONEY GROVE, FORMER HOME IN NORTH TEXAS, FOR INTERMENT.

Special to Daily News.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 1.—Dr. John D. Bedford died in this city this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, following the rupture of an aneurysm on the lungs. This ends a wonderful fight for life against the most strenuous struggle covering more than two months. Burial will take place tomorrow afternoon in Honey Grove, Texas, the former home of Dr. Bedford and family.

News of the death of Dr. Bedford will come with sadness to hundreds of friends in Amarillo. Dr. Bedford's health has been indifferent for the past several months, and recently he was removed to Dallas for treatment in a hospital in that city. From time to time there were showings of improvement promising recovery, and one after another of these were dissipated by recurring relapses.

Friday afternoon, J. Raymond Bedford, the only son of the physician now dead, was called to the bedside of his father, and this completed the family circle waiting for the end that none might hope could be averted. Mrs. Bedford and the daughter were both in attendance during the last few weeks of the fatal illness, but the son for business reasons returned to Amarillo subject to call.

Dr. Bedford for a number of years was prominent among the leading physicians of Amarillo, and did a large and lucrative practice not only in this city, but also extended his operations to other points over the Panhandle. For the past two years he had operated a private hospital quite successfully, and even at the time of his fatal illness had a number of patients in the institution.

Numerous messages of condolence have been forwarded to the bereaved family, and others will follow, when news of the death shall have been more generally spread.

In and out of the medical profession, Dr. Bedford was esteemed on account of his superior knowledge of the science in which he had engaged during the greater part of his life. As a citizen he was lovable and loyal, and will be sadly missed from the midst of those honored with his intimate friendship.

WACO WOMAN LOSES IN DIAMOND ROBBERY

Special to Daily News.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 1.—It developed this afternoon that Mrs. W. E. Dupree, wife of a prominent business man, had lost four thousand dollars worth of diamonds with J. Levinaki to have the stones mounted, but the robbery of his jewelry store lost the stones for Mrs. Dupree. She left them with Levinaki on Wednesday before the robbery Thursday night.

President Madero Receives

City of Mexico, Jan. 1.—President Madero held his first New Year reception today at the National Palace. Many foreign diplomats, members of congress, officers of the army and officials of the various branches of the Government called to pay their respects to him.

LaFollette in Michigan

Bay City, Mich., Jan. 1.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, in his address at the National Guard Armory today said that the progressive movement stands for representative government, direct nomination of all officers, direct election of United States senators, and for the initiative, referendum and recall. He made no reference to his candidacy for the presidency nor to Taft or Roosevelt.

WEATHER

Local Forecast.

Yesterday's temperature:
At 7 a. m. ... 15 At 7 p. m. ... 18
Maximum ... 26 Minimum ... 11
(911) Max. ... 35 1911 Min. ... 3

Washington Forecast.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—West Texas: Fair Tuesday and probably Wednesday.